GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SUPPLY OF SPARES FOR RADAR SYSTEM TO INDONESIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had signed a defence agreement with Indonesia last year;

(b) whether as per the terms of the agreement India would supply spare parts and other equipment for Indonesian armed forces;

(c) if so, whether Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has failed to provide spares to Indonesia for radar system causing embarrassment to India; and

(d) if so, the action taken to resolve the problems in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. India and Indonesia signed an Agreement for Defence Cooperation in January 2001.

(b) The Agreement, inter-alia, provides for promoting cooperation between the defence industries of the two countries in areas of mutual interest, including product support.

(c) & (d): Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) had made a commitment to Indonesia to supply spares and components of TRS 2215 Radar, which was originally supplied to them by M/s Thomson CSF (now Thales Air Defence Systems).This was on the basis of the fact that BEL had earlier obtained approval for manufacture of this equipment under Transfer of Technology from the Original Equipment Manufacturers and also obtained permission to export these Radar Systems to Indonesia.The Original Equipment Manufacturer has now informed BEL that due to changes in procedure, BEL has to obtain necessary authorisation for export directly from the French Government. BEL has taken up the clearance issue at the highest level with Thales Air Defence Systems for confirming export offer to Indonesia for supply of the Radar spares.